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This is a response to applicant's Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated 2/11/04 which was after a Notice of Allowance mailed 1/29/04. The submission by applicant would be in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(d) if it included:

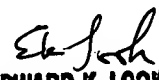
- i) a statement as specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e), and
- ii) the IDS fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement is defective because it lacks a proper statement. Effective November 7, 2000, a proper certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e) must state either:

- (1) That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
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The Information Disclosure Statement has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits.

This application is being returned to Publications Branch.

  
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